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1. SUMMARY: PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE OF INFORMATION ISSUED TWO RELEASES AUG 21 ON US-CHILE TALKS IN RESPONSE TO KRAUSS STATEMENT (REFTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST RELEASE NOTES THAT US AND CHILE RENEWED TALKS LAST WEEK AS PART OF ONGOING ROUND OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES "TO EXAMINE PENDING BILATERAL QUESTIONS." RELEASE NOTES THAT DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN REPORTED TO PUBLIC, AND OBSERVES THAT LIMA MEETING "MADE ADVISABLE" BY "NECESSITY OF EVALUATING RESPECTIVE POSITIONS AND CHANGES WITHIN US ASSISTANT SECRETARYSHIP FOR LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS." NEWS RELEASE ASSERTS THAT LIMA TALKS ALSO NOTED IN THE CHILEAN PRESS. STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT AT CONVERSATIONS BEGUN LAST WEEK CHILE REPRESENTED BY JOSE TOHA AND HERNAN SOTO AND ENDS WITH AFFIRMATION THAT CONVERSATIONS WILL CONTINUE NEXT MONTH, "BEFORE THE PARIS CLUB MEETING." RELEASE ALLEGES INFORMATION "REITERATED" AT THIS TIME IN CONSIDERATION OF YESTERDAY'S STATEMENTS BY DEPUTY ENRIQUE KRAUSS REGARDING CHARACTER OF THESE CONTACTS.

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3. SECOND NEWS RELEASE TAKES FORM OF INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN

UNDERSECY ORLANDINI WHO DENIES "SECRET/ CHARACTER OF TALKS BY
POINTING TO WIDE PUBLICITY OPENING OF TALKS LAST DECEMBER RECEIVED
IN BOTH COUNTRIES. ORLANDINI ATTRIBUTES TOHA'S PARTICIPATION TO
"HIGH LEVEL" AND "ESPECIALLY POLITICAL" NATURE OF CONVERSATIONS.
ORLANDINI ASSERTS THAT VARIOUS TOPICS BEING DISCUSSED AND THAT
"WHEN THERE ARE AGREEMENTS ON SUBJECTS DISCUSSED," INFORMATION
WILL BE PUBLISHED.

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